

# DUBLIN/DARLINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

February 20, 2013

Conowingo Visitor Center

**Members Present:** Rich Norling, Chair  
Jane Howe, Secretary  
Tom Friedel  
Lilma Huntley  
Russell Kovach  
Joni Nugent  
Donald Thomas  
Alan Thompson  
Shirley Thompson

**Guests:** Billy Boniface  
Lt. Hugh John Dougherty  
Shanna Jay  
Arden McClune  
Hafiz Rashid  
Bob Riley  
Jonathan White

Rich Norling called the meeting to order at 7:04PM.

**Review of Minutes:** Russell Kovach motioned to approve the January 2013 minutes; seconded by Donald Thomas. The motion passed.

**Sheriff's Representative:** Lt. John Dougherty presented year-to-date statistics for Sector 100. There have been no robberies, 5 burglaries representing a 50% decrease, and two auto thefts. Do not leave your car unlocked and do not leave your keys in an unlocked car. It is illegal to leave your car while it is running. Harford County Connect is available to see reports of neighborhood crimes and also to report a crime. Apps are available for smart phones. Go to <http://www.harfordcountymd.gov/citysources/> for information.

**Guest Presentation:** Arden McClune, Director of Harford County Parks and Rec, gave a presentation on the 2013 Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan, assisted by Shanna Jay. The document is available at [www.harfordcountymd.gov/parks\\_rec](http://www.harfordcountymd.gov/parks_rec). Click on LPPRP. She explained the State requires a review every six years. Compliance is linked to Project Open Space funding. The 2013 Plan includes several major goals, not the least of which is matching the State goal of 30acres/1000residents of park land. That means that land acquisition is an ongoing priority. Discussion focused on local parks and resources, shared facilities, and partnerships. The draft plan goes to the County Council on March 5 followed by a public hearing on April 2.

**County Council President Representative:** Billy Boniface is in the process of surveying all facilities and creating a prioritized list of projects that will be completed as funding becomes available. He said the list will be non-partisan. No one has ever looked at ALL the facilities and prioritized the needs vs. the requests. A hearing on Connor's law, which will require AEDs at all public swimming pools in Harford County, will be on March 5. Barry Glassman introduced a bill (SB #427) to help landowners whose farmland has been devalued because of the Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Act of 2012. Go to [www.barryglassman.com](http://www.barryglassman.com) for more information. Regarding trail development at Palmer Sate Park, Billy said that Ben's memorial fund along with money from the Drescher Foundation, Harford County and the Greenway will go toward building a passive trail system with an equestrian component. He said a lot of volunteers will be needed to help clean up the park and do trash removal.

**Old Business:** Rich Norling announced the next Town Meeting will be held at the DVFC on Thursday, April 25 at 7PM.

**New Business:** Donald Thomas demonstrated an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) machine.

**Good of the Council:**

- ~ Donald Thomas brought in a news story about “Village Post Offices”.
- ~ The deadline for the March 21034 Community E-News is here. Send info to [21034bulletin@gmail.com](mailto:21034bulletin@gmail.com).
- ~ The annual dinner for the Hosanna School is slated for Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. [www.hosannaschoolmuseum.org](http://www.hosannaschoolmuseum.org).

**Adjournment:** Shirley Thompson made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Joni Nugent. The meeting adjourned at 8:46PM.

**Next Meeting:** March 20, 2013, 7:00PM at the Conowingo Visitor Center.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Howe